

## Land Judging Career Development Event

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### Purpose of Event

Knowledge about soils can be organized and applied in managing farms, fields, and woodland, in developing communities, in engineering work, and in many other ways. The Land Judging Career Development Event helps FFA members and Agricultural Education students to understand basic differences in soils. Students will be able to comprehend why soils respond differently to management practices, as well as how soil properties affect crop growth. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education.

### Common Core & State Core Curriculum Content Standards (CCCS)

Through Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education, FFA helps students meet the Common Core and State Core Curriculum Content Standards in various areas. The Land Judging Career Development Event is teaching students about English Language Arts, Science, and 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Life and Careers standards. Some examples of how the Land Judging Career Development Event is meeting these standards are:

**Students will: integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words in order to address a question or solve a problem.**

- Comprehension and critical analysis skills of Agricultural Education students are developed through identification and evaluation of soil and land through media (slides, videos, and computer). **[RI.11-12.7. – English Language Arts: Reading: Informational Text – Integration of Knowledge and Ideas]**

**All students will demonstrate the creative, critical thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving skills needed to function successfully as both global citizens and workers in diverse ethnic and organizational cultures.**

- Testing materials that stress critical thinking, decision-making, and problem-solving skills are an integral part of the Land Judging Career Development Event. **[9.1– 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Life and Careers: 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Life and Career Skills]**

**All students will understand that Earth operates as a set of complex, dynamic, and interconnected systems, and is a part of the all-encompassing system of the universe.**

- Hands-on components that evaluate Earth's complex and dynamic systems, such as soil make-up and structure are an integral part of the Land Judging Career Development Event. **[5.4 – Science: Earth Systems Science]**

### Rules of Event

All Career Development Events will follow the general rules, which are published in the NJ State FFA Activity Guide (Form 7.000). This event consists of two (2) phases: Phase I – Land Judging; Phase II – Homesite. Three (3) sites will be judged. Both the Homesite evaluation and Land judging scorecard will be used at all sites. [Click here to view the Land Judging scan-tron.](#) [Click here to view the Homesite scan-tron.](#) Twenty (20) minutes will be given at each site. A 15- minute horn will be sounded to warn students that they have 5 minutes remaining at that site. Team members should have a pencil and a pocket-knife. Members should dress for the weather. This event is held outside and will be conducted regardless of the weather. A chapter may have a team of three (3) or four (4). The top three (3) scores are used in determining the team's rank. For more details on this event, [click here](#) to consult the [land judging manual](#).

### Scoring for the New Jersey Event

Phase I - Land Judging - 74 points x 3 sites = 222 points

Phase II - Homesite Evaluation - 97 points x 3 sites = 291 points

Team Total Event – 1539 points      Individual Total: 513 points

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